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THEY ASKED FOR FOOD, HE GAVE THEM A JOLLY

"I'm glad to be here if by being here and saying so I can convince you that the so-called chasm between you and the people who seem for the time being more fortunate is not a chasm at all and that there is between you and them a deep feeling of sympathy, a deep and earnest desire that you shall have that equality of opportunity, that means of getting on your feet, of earning your livelihood, of supporting your families that we hope every man under the Stars and Stripes will enjoy."

These are President Taft's words to the unemployed on New York's Bowery recently.

Doesn't such a sickening plausible jolly as this lay bare to the public eye how little there really is to this representative of the "princes of plunder."

To tell men with threadbare clothes and empty stomachs, that the "temporarily" rich feel sorry for them is strictly in keeping with the general policy of this obese panderer to public sentiment.

He probably had Payne, Aldrich, Cannon et al in mind when he said it.

CLASS DISCRIMINATION CAN HAVE BUT ONE END

When one lone man, Astor by name, was thought to be lost in the Caribbean sea recently, the secretary of the navy sent a war vessel to see if anything had happened to the millionaire or his floating palace.

The government was not worrying about the crew on board. Just about Astor.

While the warship was fussing around and the wires were being held open for the least news concerning the gilded puppet's whereabouts, a most awful mine disaster took place at the mine of the St. Paul Mining company at Cherry, Ill.

Over four hundred miners were entombed by an explosion, shown to have been directly due to neglect of common precaution for their employees' safety by the mine owners and their agents—due absolutely to a wilful violation of the state mining laws.

While the men were entombed in the mine and when there was a possible chance that they might be rescued and from that time to the present day the government has not concerned itself with the horrible catastrophe.

Is there cause for wonderment that some people, rent in their heartstrings by loved ones cruelly taken from them, their bodies and minds weakened by hunger and privation, allow themselves to become extreme in thought and word even to the point of violence.

In the light of such contrasts the utterances of an extremist who advocates the removal of dollar-serving officials by the bomb and the revolver do not appear so fanatical after all.

Put yourselves in the places of the bereaved and starving, you who scoff at anarchy!

You well-fed, comfortably clad stock gambler or mine owner!

Would you want your delicate wife or tender children to hang

around the pit mouth hoping against hope for your return to your home, the bitter wind searching their scant clothing and pinching their starved frames?

Would you, with your fifteen-year-old son, a "breaker" boy, by your side, want to die a slow death of choke damp, knowing that your taking off was the direct result of the greed of others?

Naturally, you would not. Then can you turn a deaf ear to the wail that is rising from the cheerless homes at Cherry this "merry" Christmastide?

If you can, do it knowing that you are only helping to postpone, not to avert, the inevitable outcome.

Truth buried under tons of bulion and justice blinded with wads of yellowbacks may stay buried and blinded for some time.

But not for always. The handwriting on the wall is becoming plainer as each day goes by.

POSITIONS OF CAPITAL AND LABOR REVERSED

The impression is general that capital employs labor and that labor is dependent on capital for existence, but just the opposite is true. The existence of capital depends on labor.

Capital is but a child of land and labor. Years ago the theory was held and generally believed that there existed a wage fund which capital reserved to employ labor and the amount of wages paid labor in any given year depended on the size of the wage

Will Legal Force Compel Employers to Recognize Their Moral Liability

It is unfortunate that we as a nation are so constituted as to need such salutary lessons as the recent Cherry, Ill., mine disaster to awaken us to the utmost driving necessity of demanding in no uncertain terms that an employer's liability to his employees shall not cease with his pay day obligation.

It is a sarcastic commentary on an enlightened nation, a nation which has as its proud boast billions of dollars in church properties and which seeks to carry the doctrine of the meek and lowly Nazarene into benighted lands, that the consciences of those who own and operate dangerous places of occupation are so petrified that they will knowingly allow men to earn dividends for them in places so filled with personal danger that those workers are rated the highest as life or accident insurance risks. We repeat, it is a sardonic commentary on an enlightened Christian nation that in place of a quickened conscience which should dictate a better plan for the preservation of the men's lives and limbs, the men themselves and their friends are put to the necessity of asking, insisting and demanding that laws shall be framed and enforced, forcing such employers to take such precautions that will make less dangerous the working place of men, who have to labor to make a living.

We, as a nation, have evidently been too trusting of the hearts of men; as a nation we have patiently believed that it was a good old American trait to do the right thing as a matter of equal and exact justice in society from one man to another and we have put our faith in a chimera, born of a mistaken notion that inherently men loved fellow-men better than money; that humanity was a matter of man-development and not dividend-striving.

And now, in the name of happiness to the greatest number and that a smirch should be removed from our nation's escutcheon, we must demand that an employer be forced by law to see the liability he is under morally; to see a liability through the authorities that common decency should make him see without the policeman's prod.

how long would it be before labor would produce every tool needed to produce wealth? Why, in less than no time, because we know that the average tool and machine of production is used up in much less than 20 years, or in other words the life of capital is much shorter than that of labor and must be reproduced.

And who reproduces this short-lived capital? Labor, from land.

And at the same time labor reproduces itself. For who is insane enough to claim that capital can reproduce itself.

Labor is labor's only true em-

wipe out the terrible system of slavery which prevailed in the cocoa islands of Principe and San Thome. After investigating the reports of inhuman cruelty and finding them to be true, the British dealers refused to use the cocoa from these islands and by the boycott brought to the attention of the local Portuguese government and the planters a sense of their responsibilities, which resulted in the wiping out of many of the evils in labor conditions in the production of cocoa.

The boycott was the only effective way in which the evil could be reached, and the course pursued by the British firms would certainly meet the hearty approval of every friend of humanity.

The boycott is a weapon to be carefully used and before it is applied every means should be exhausted to make sure that its application rests on justice. So long as wrong exists the boycott will be necessary to eliminate evils that cannot otherwise be reached.

PAYMENT OF DUES NOT CLIMAX OF UNION DUTY

There is nothing so injurious to a labor union as the non-attendance of the membership at the meetings.

A man that pays his dues does not comply with his obligation, if that is all he does. He should attend the meetings, speak to non union men, encourage others to join, and at all times endeavor to build up the organization. By so doing he is helping himself and strengthening himself.

There is no person so injurious to the union as the fellow who is out knocking all the time. But fair, honest criticism is sometimes beneficial to the labor union.

Very often when the members do not attend the meetings the officers become discouraged and sometimes dishonest, because they feel as if anything they do is all right, inasmuch as the members do not think it worth their while

to care about the affairs of the union. This should not be. They should attend all meetings, help out the officers, speak well of the union on the street; try to get non-union men to join; watch the men who handle their money; see that their secretary-treasurer is bonded, and in every way take an interest in the union, thereby, building up the local that it may be a benefit to the membership.

FATE OF J. ISCARIOT MIGHT WELL BE HIS
The non-union man is a traitor to his fellows and a mercenary traitor at that.

It is the existence of the union that gives him his opportunity to market his treason when a strike comes. For then the high wages he gets are not given in return for his work, but for his willingness to betray the common cause.

Of course, a workingman is found here and there who is enamored of well-sounding general principles suited to an ideal world, and who asserts his independence as an individual by keeping out of his trade union.

He forgets that man is a gregarious animal, a social being, and that civilization means the surrender of individual liberty in exchange for the greater benefits to be derived from associated effort for the welfare of all.

PROSPERITY SHINES FROM EVERY COLUMN
One of the neatest, most prosperous appearing and typographically excellent exchanges that has come to our exchange table in a month of moons is the Christmas edition of the Freeborn County Standard, published at Albert Lea, Minn., by H. G. Day, brother of Frank Day, for so long favorably identified with state affairs as private secretary to the late Governor John A. Johnson.

In both news and advertising columns prosperity looms up like a milk wagon on a rainy morning with milk ten cents a quart.

The people of Albert Lea and Freeborn county are evidently wise to a good thing when they see it and are giving Brother Day the support he deserves.

"BUST" PROVED FLAREBACK
The Cadogan-Hatcher Manufacturing company, operating a large printing and bookbinding plant at Quincy, Ill., was taken possession of by the sheriff recently.

This concern refused to grant the eight-hour day to its printers, and at the time of the strike for the shorter workday the management made the boast that it would "bust" Quincy Typographical union.

And it "busted" it the same way the old woman kept saloon in Indiana.

Anxious Friend — Gayman, you ought to do something for that uncontrollable thirst of yours, and you ought to do it quick.

Gayman (putting on his hat)—I'm ready to join you right now, old chap!

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Bennie Vail

At the Coliseum Buffet 11 East Superior Street

The Season's Greetings

At this holiday time are tendered our many patrons. A Merry Christmas and Glad New Year to all. Be sure and start the New Year right by using a broom made by a Duluth factory.

The Zenith Broom Co.

A Merry Christmas to All Our Friends

The Zenith Cigar Company desires to extend the season's greetings to the many patrons whose support has made the past year a successful one for the firm. May good digestion wait on appetite at your Christmas dinner table, with a good smoke afterwards, made by

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